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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-15, and 18-26 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. A listing of the claims is at pages 2-7. Claims 4, 16 and 17 stand cancelled and claims 1, 3, 7, 13, 15, 19, 25 and 26 have been amended herein. Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 1 - 26 Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In view of the amendments to independent claims 1, 13, 25 and 26, this rejection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

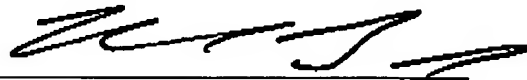
The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [ALBRP214USA].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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